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## The Transcript.

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### By Telegraph

3.30 O'CLOCK.

### IT IS WILLIAMS.

### Nominated by the Democrats at Worcester Today.

### DISARMY CONVENTION THAT GOES OFF ACCORDING TO A CUT AND DRIED PROGRAM.

WORCESTER, Mass., Oct. 2.—The Massachusetts Democratic state convention is in session at Mechanic's hall today. When called to order the floor of the hall was perhaps two-thirds full and was flimsy of spectators in the gallery, which, with two exceptions, were of the male persuasion. The band was stationed to relieve the gloom in the northeast corner of the balcony and disengaged spirited music.

Hon. J. W. Corcoran, chairman of the state committee, called the convention to order at 11:30. The call was read by Henry V. Cunningham, secretary. These gentlemen were made temporary officers of the convention and the usual committees for facilitating the work of the convention were then appointed.

#### Poor Attendance.

When the committee on credentials reported only 1339 delegates were found to be out of a possible 2321, or less than two-thirds. Hon. Josiah Quincy was named as permanent chairman, and Mr. Cunningham permanent secretary. Mr. Quincy was escorted to the platform and after a brief introduction by Judge Corcoran delivered his formal address.

#### The Platform.

This platform commends President Cleveland's administration and congratulates the manufacturing interests of Massachusetts upon the successful operation of the present tariff law. It calls attention to the marked increase in exports of manufactured goods as an index of the enlargement of our foreign commerce. It demands the maintenance of the existing gold standard of value, and that the government shall keep all the obligations at all times redeemable in gold. It opposes the free coinage of silver and demands that untaxed notes of state or national banks shall be the only credit currency, and that the government shall retire as rapidly as possible. All its paper money. The platform further demands that every city in the state be allowed to govern itself and denounces the efforts of the Republican party to centralize the police power of cities in the governor of the state as a deadly blow at local self-government. It favors all practicable steps in the direction of improved highways; favors the placing of corporations using a public way upon the leases of a contract with the public, and opposes the present system of granting licenses to such corporations as in justice to the public by withholding from it the money value of the franchises bestowed. The result, the platform says is rather a speculative than an investor's management of many of these corporations. The scandalous use of money and other improper influences with the legislature and the prodigal loss of public revenue is condemned. It offers a number of recommendations as a remedy of the evils. It favors the appointment by the governor of a special attorney to represent the interests of the public, who are at present unable to secure a redress for the breach of duty on the part of corporations. The platform strongly denounced the A. P. A.

#### Against a Third Term.

J. T. O'Sullivan of Lawrence offered an additional plank to the platform to the effect that the Democracy of the state is opposed to a third presidential term. He said he supposed this wise and benevolent despotism of this convention, would suppress the resolution, but he urged, nevertheless, that it was a proper one for Democrats to adopt.

#### The Ticket Nominated.

Hon. John D. Russell of Leominster presented the name of George Fred Williams of Dedham as the nominee for governor. He was succeeded by Congressman John F. Fitzgerald of Boston in a ringing speech. The nomination was carried by acclamation. The committee on the balance of the ticket made the following report which was unanimously adopted: Lieutenant-governor, James A. Ginnell of Greenfield; secretary of state, Edward J. Flynn, Boston; treasurer, Eben S. Stevens, Sudbury; auditor, Alfred C. Whitney, Boston; attorney-general, Henry F. Hurlburt, Lynn.

The convention adjourned at 1:51 after Mr. Williams had made an address. Walter Cuttling of Pittsfield was made a member of the state committee.

ASSEMBLY, Oct. 2.—The Texas legislature met yesterday with a quorum present. The governor in his message reviews the laws against prize fighting in Texas, calling attention to the errors therein. Several bills, strictly anti-prize-fight, were introduced in both houses, and adjournment was had till today.

BEAT HAMMERS. Que., Oct. 2.—The murder trial of F. V. C. Shortis, who killed two of the employees of the Montreal cotton mills last spring, in an attempt to rob the company, was begun here yesterday.

### SOUTH CHURCH STREET.

The Question of Widening and Straightening It Still Under Consideration.

What was done some time ago about widening and straightening South Church street was told in these columns at the time. It will be remembered that certain changes were decided upon by the county commissioners, and that afterwards they granted a petition from citizens of the town to re-open the case. This left the matter just where it was before anything had been done.

The residents of South Church street feel that something ought to be done. They say the east line of the street is established and that the only change needed is on the west side in front of F. E. White's property, a distance of 120 feet or thereabouts, where the street is not over forty feet wide, while its width the rest of the way is about fifty feet. This narrow point in the street is just south of the normal school site, and those who advocate widening feel that the approaches to the school should be made as good as possible. They were much disappointed yesterday when at a meeting of the county commissioners in Pittsfield S. Proctor Thayer presented a petition to have the street made a uniform width of forty feet. They say if this is done it will give to some of the property owners a strip of land seventeen feet wide, and they think it would be much better to widen the street for a short distance than to narrow it for a much greater distance.

Those who oppose the change say that it would involve a large outlay at a time when the town needs to practice economy in every reasonable way, and that as the chief benefits would accrue to the property holders on that street the change would be liable to lead to requests and petitions for similar changes in all parts of the town, with the result that jealousy and hard feelings would be engendered in the expense account would be swollen to proportions far beyond the ability of the town to bear at this time. Unfortunately the town is full of crooked and narrow streets and to widen and straighten them all to the public expense would mean municipal bankruptcy.

The county commissioners will give a hearing on the matter in the district court room November 13, at 9 a. m.

DAVID LUBIN'S POLICY.

Involves a Fast Amount of Money, but Where Will It Come From?

Mr. David Lubin is working very energetically and very enthusiastically on behalf of his policy to secure an export bounty for farm products. The policy of the American Protective Tariff League is "By adequate duties on imported products to protect American labor, whether agricultural, manufacturing, mining or commercial, against the competition and low-priced labor in foreign countries."

According to this policy, our farm products should, like our manufacturing products, be protected by a tariff from the competition of similar goods produced in foreign countries. There is nothing in this policy to indicate how, or in what direction, the duties that we levy upon imported products should be utilized. At present they contribute about one-half of the ordinary revenue of the government, defraying about one-half of the ordinary expenses. As there has not been a sufficiency of all revenues to meet all expenditures under the existing tariff it is well to ask from what source we should derive the amount of money that would be needed to pay the export bounty in question. If the sum that is now collected through customs duties should be diverted to the payment of export bounties, then additional revenue must be supplied by the government from other sources, which would undoubtedly be by direct taxation.

If an export bounty is granted to the producers of farm products, then the producers of manufactured goods may, with equal justice, demand a bounty for their exports. Mr. Lubin would surely make no objection to such an extension of his policy as would include the products of our mines, the products of our forests, the products of our fisheries and the products of our factories as well as the products of our farms. But where will the money come from?

#### WHY REPUBLICANS REJOICE.

Protection Element of the Tariff Retains Some Signs of Prosperity.

Republicans rejoice in all evidences of returning prosperity. The business interests of the country were stricken down by the success of Mr. Cleveland on a platform demanding the immediate overthrow of the protective system and at the head of a party which had shown its friendship in every way to free silver coinage.

The Democrats of the house of representatives, as soon as called together by Mr. Cleveland, began work on a bill under the supervision of Mr. Wilson designed to carry out their platform. It was passed by the house, but the senate substituted another bill for it, which, under the lead of Mr. Gorman, the Democratic manager in that body, changed the Wilson bill into an irregular and unsystematic protection measure. Business did not revive after that bill was passed because the free trade and ruling element in the Democratic party denounced it as a base betrayal of principle and declared that at the first opportunity further steps would be taken toward free trade.

Last November the people had a chance to express their opinion, and they did so in a way that showed that there would be no more free trade legislation for a long time to come. Then manufacturers and other business men felt safe in making some calculations for the future, and business began to revive. The indications are that we will have good crops and fair prices, and good crops and fair prices help the revival that the Republican victories started.

The Republicans promised last fall that times would begin to improve if their cause was endorsed by the people, and the promise has been carried out. Times are better, but they are not wholly good and will not be until Republicans are put in full charge of the administration of government affairs.—Louisville Commercial.

### BERKSHIRE'S HERMIT.

#### Story of George L. Ticoner Alone for Thirty-one Years.

#### ONCE A SCHOLAR, NOW A RECLUSE.

Aged, Friendless, Lonely. This Man Has Lived with Only His Gun and Fishing Tackle as His Friends.

George L. Ticoner is the name of a rare specimen of humanity who has lived for thirty-one years in a hut on Hop Brook mountain, in Berkshire county, a stranger to all human and animal kind, never communicating with the outside world only in cases of absolute necessity. His life is a curiosity.

The "Tyringham hermit," as he is called, is 68 years old, 6 feet 3 inches tall, straight as an arrow and a little slim for his height, has a fine, bushy, iron-gray beard, and keeps a single eye covered with a cork. Whether he is blind in that eye or not no one can tell. He is a mixture of English, French and Indian blood.

There was nothing in Ticoner's boyhood to mark him especially. His mother was left a widow while George was young, and with him joined the Shakers, where he remained until he was old enough to learn the brick mason's trade. He was a great lover of music and an expert with the cheaper instruments of the day. He enlisted and served through the war, and returned a fine type of manhood and a great favorite. A young lady jilted him soon after his release from the army, and he took it very hard, and for a time drank and was decidedly wild, but this fit of grief soon gave way to one of despondency, and in this frame of mind he retired to a workshopkeeper's hut on Long Mountain; on the very top, made barren for a mile in all directions by the woodmen and charcoal burners, and nothing was heard from him for years. He had no dog or cat, and his gun and fishing tackle were his only friends.

He was seen in the woods and on the lake, but no word was exchanged with a neighbor. When necessity drove him to the habitation of man, for ammunition or clothes, he traveled long distances over the hills to neighboring towns, with a big bundle of furs or fish. During this period, which must have lasted ten years, only one man is ever known to have entered his hut, and that was but once.

Ticoner's hut was discovered on fire one night, and when the villagers from the valley below arrived, they found him with everything safely removed, and when asked how it happened, he said: "I moved out and set it afire to rid it of devils and snakes." This was a long talk for him, and gave the impression at that time that he was demented.

He built a hut on Hop Brook mountain, and again for a period of two years was not seen, but deserted this and built a third shanty, and this time he came down the mountain to within half a mile of a neighbor, and finally made of one man, L. B. Moore, considerable of a friend, allowing him to do his errands, but he brought Moore's family fine strings of fish in payment for all favors.

This living "in town" was too much for him, however, and he moved back to the mountain top and refused all friendship. The first picture of the place was taken without his knowledge some years ago and was reproduced in "Pictorial Yorkshire," and a picture of his hut was once secured in a novel way. He drove off all photographers. A New York lady, unattended, climbed the mountain and knocked at the door of the hut. There was no response to repeated raps, and, climbing the wood-pile, she looked in at the only window of the shanty. There sat the hermit looking directly at her. She called his name, but he made no response. She descended and taking a seat on the rock a few rods from the door, sketched the hut, and afterwards reproduced the "Hermitage" in a beautiful water color view.

A pension agent visited him one day and tried to get a claim for pension to him. Silently he heard the man to the finish, then said: "I am able to support myself," and turned, entered the hut and closed the door.

He is honest as man can be made; scrupulously particular about other people's property, though his bats have always been on other people's land.

To the fishing fraternity Ticoner is a barometer. He never reads newspapers, though he was in his younger days a good scholar. He has relatives, but never visits them or communicates with them in any way.

As he has grown on in years the old friendship which he had for L. B. Moore has shown itself, and he has in recent years done odd jobs for him. On several occasions lately he has also shown his old friendship for Brewster.

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### MORE MONEY NEEDED.

#### ONE POINT.

We have but one point to make, that is Good Clothes

To be sure we put mint sauce in it one day, brown sauce another and occasionally serve it plain, but it is always the same Our Young Men's Nobby Suits are the talk of the town. Just the right cut and make, cloth the latest, in brown and olive checks and plaids. Prices for our Cutting-made suits: \$10, 12, 15, 18 and 20.

Umbrellas and Mackintoshes for the fall rains.

CUTTING & CO WHOLESALE RETAILERS

SAMUEL CULLY & CO JACKETS

Capes

POPULARITY.

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Over our fresh arrivals of

**MEN'S, BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S CLOTHING,**

Hats, Caps, Trunks and Bags. Surprised, first, at the

**LARGE ASSORTMENT.**

Surprised, second, at the

**SUPERIOR QUALITY.**

Surprised, third, at the

**IMMENSE VARIETY,**

Surprised, fourth, at the

**LOW PRICES.**

We have been some time in getting these "Surprises" all here and ready for you, but at last are able to announce

**Bargains all through the house**

We solicit a comparison of goods and prices, knowing that you will find that our new stock will be said to be

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For bedding horses and cattle or packing breakable goods. Cleaner, cheaper, better than straw or hay. Horses won't eat them or pile them into a heap and as they are a ready absorbent, they prevent animals from becoming stained and are a valuable fertilizer. Size of bales 19x22x30 inches. Weight 100 pounds. For sale by

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**WILL MAINTAIN LOW PRICES.**

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Per set. **STERLING SILVER** Tea Spoons engraved with one, two or three letters on each piece.

••• 25c •••

**STERLING SILVER** Belt Pins

••• \$3.00 •••

Per dozen. The well-known Roger's knives and forks.

••• 25c •••

Per box Fine Stationery, Cranes, and other first-class makeups.

**TRILBY LOCKETS and CHAINS.**

**L. M. BARNES**

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**\$8.00**

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**Gold Watch,**

Filled Case, guaranteed to wear 15 years and keep good time.

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Make Perfect Fitting Clothes

**We Want**

Your custom. Our expenses are small and so are our prices. Our patterns and prices deserve your consideration

**Suits**

Repaired and Pressed.

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### NORTH ADAMS MAILED

5 a.m. New York City 1:30 Way Stations on Boston & Albany R R Troy N Y 5:00 New York City, Boston, South and West via Pittsfield 12:30 a.m. New York and West via Pittsfield 12:30 p.m. Boston, New York, Pittsfield and Southern Mass. Maine, New Hampshire and Way Stations on 1:30 Pittsfield R R 1:30 Florida 12:30 a.m. New York and West via Pittsfield 12:30 p.m. New York, Boston, New Hampshire and Way Stations on 1:30 Pittsfield R R 1:30 Boston & Albany R R 9:15 Boston & Albany Mail via Pittsfield 12:30 a.m. Boston & Albany R R Way Station west of Pittsfield 12:30 Boston

SUNDAY 8 a.m. Way Stations on Boston & Albany R R, New York City and Troy N Y 8 a.m. MAILED CLOSE

8 a.m. Boston & Albany Adams, New York Albany & Southern Mass. 6:45 New York, Albany Troy, Williamsburg, Pittsfield and South Boston & Albany Adams, New York, Albany & Southern Mass. 4:30 Boston & Albany 11:30 Pittsfield and all points East via Pittsfield R R 11:30 Boston, Maine, New Hampshire and South Boston & Albany Adams, New York and all points West and South

SUNDAY 7:30 a.m. New York, Boston, Maine, New Hampshire and all points West and South CANADIAN MAIL close at 11:35 a.m., 7:30 p.m., daily except Sundays, Sundays close at 7 p.m.

MONDAY OPEN AND REGISTER OFFICE open daily (except Sundays) from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

GENERAL DELIVERY AND STAMPS open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. CARRIERS' WINDOW SERVICE from 7 to 8 p.m. SUNDAY DELIVER 9 to 10 a.m.

## SUBURBAN NEWS.

### Happenings of Interest in Our Neighbor Towns.

#### ADAMS.

##### Loan Awarded

The \$14,000 loan for which the town advertised was awarded this morning to Rogers, Newman and Tolman of Boston whose bid was of per cent. The only other bid was from the Roxbury institution of savings at Boston, who bid 4 per cent

Two Accidents at the New Mills Tuesday afternoon one of the workmen at the new mill caught his fingers in a pulley at the new mill and crushed them quite badly. This morning another workman fell from a pile of brick and injured his side and hand.

L. A. Jepson has gone to Deerfield to attend the fair.

William Martin, Jr. returned home from Springfield Tuesday evening.

L. L. Brown went to New York Tues day on business.

Lawrence Brown has returned to college after his summer's vacation.

The Misses Ana and Jane Kearns, who were Philip Brown's guests, have returned home.

These applications were made for naturalization papers Tuesday Simon Zirkle, Herman Kiontke, William Hawke.

A chicken supper will be served at Trinity Methodist church next week Wednesday evening.

The Blackinton Father Mathew society furnished an entertainment for the temperance fair Tuesday evening. Mrs. Anne Cassidy-Hughes and pupils will provide tonight's entertainment.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Tim C. Brown Tuesday morning.

Carl A. Hawley will be at the opera house & week from Thursday evening in the "Silver King," and Agnes Wallace Villa is booked for the 14th.

Levi Marsh is to close his picture gallery at the park this week, after a very profitable season. He is fitting up his gallery on Commercial street and will return to it next week.

The North Adams Temperance society will attend the local society's fair Thursday evening with an entertainment and Friday evening a special train will be run from Pittsfield. On that evening a concert will be given by local people.

Mary A. Walmsley the five months old daughter of William and Mary Walmsley, died at the home of her parents on Dean street, Tuesday and will be buried at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Joseph and Josephine Dummette's ten-months-old son Frank, died at Mt. Outmette's home on Pleasant street, Tuesday. The funeral will occur at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

The new armory building is being fitted to its plate glass fronts.

CHESHIRE.

Mrs. George Edgerton of Earlville, Ill., returns tomorrow after a stay in town of several weeks.

The horse of C. D. Cole was stolen from his barn in the day time yesterday. He had put the horse into his barn on the farm at about 2 o'clock and had gone but a short distance away to work when returning for it found it missing, as was also the skeleton wagon. The horse and wagon was seen by the neighbor being driven towards Lanesboro. Mr. Cole is in hard luck, one of his team having died a short time ago and this one is now making him trouble and expense. It is thought the barn being unused just now a tramp may have been staying there and took this way to tramp.

Miss Sarah Bently of Boston is the guest of Lema Contois.

Ed. Bradway had a pretty serious accident at Cheshire-Harbor, yesterday. His double team got away from him and ran for some distance, doing him some bodily injury and breaking up the wagon. Mr. Bradway states that a party knocked him from the wagon when the team ran brusing him about the head a good deal.

The late rains have put the reservoir water in good shape and a good supply is expected. There are other streams near by this reservoir that can be added to this supply with but little expense.

WILLIAMSTOWN

A Happy Moment

A slight blaze took place in the center of the town about 11 o'clock Tuesday morning. It was thought at one time it would be necessary to call out the fire company, but this was not done as it was found that it was a member of the class of '98 who was burning up his copies of Loomis with which he had just taken leave. More fires may follow at some future date.

Harry Gavitt of Pittsfield is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Gavitt.

In New York one of the greatest apple growing states, less than one half a crop is reported

J. E. Blakeslee is having an addition built on the north side of his house on Spring street. The work is being done by Mr. Sweeney who has part of the house for a bicycle repairing shop.

The new barber shop in Graham & Noyes' block was opened Tuesday. Harry Shetman of North Adams has charge of it.

The students of Williams' college are given a day each year for Mountain day and this year they will have Tuesday afternoon, October 5th, and Wednesday if the weather permits and if not they will have Thursday.

Mrs. John Dutton who has been spending the summer at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Pratt, has returned to her home in Washington, D. C.

W. H. Sprague's right hand was caught in a rope yesterday while he was working in Mason's saw mill at Hancock and badly injured. He was brought home and the little finger was amputated by Dr. Hull. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morgan today.

### BLACKINTON

Miss Jennie Howells of Bennington, Vt., is visiting friends in town.

O. A. Archer is making his annual free distribution of flower plants, and is also taking orders at wholesale prices for bulbs of all kinds.

Rev. Mr. Bass of Newport, R. I., called on O. A. Archer this week. Mr. Bass was a pupil at the school where Mr. Archer was teacher at Charlottesville, N. Y., forty-one years ago, and this was the first time they have met since. To say that the meeting was a pleasant and agreeable one would be putting it mildly.

The school committee are considering the advisability of opening the night school here this winter instead of at Greylock, owing to so many of the people having moved from Greylock. If the committee should decide to open school here, it would be largely attended, for it will be a great benefit to the village. Of course it will be confined to the residents of North Adams unless the Williamstown committee make an appropriation to help defray expenses, which we hope they will do, as there are a great many on the Williamstown side who would like to attend, and under the able management of Principal W. W. Thomas, it ought to be a success.

### GREYLOCK

Mrs. Thomas Jones and children returned Monday from a visit with friends in Hoosick Falls, N. Y.

John Lewis has returned from a trip to Pittsfield. He will leave for Williamstown again Sunday to accept a position with the Arkhill manufacturing company.

Michael Maher, Lewis Caud and John Lewis left this morning for a short visit with friends in Conway.

Urie Berard is remodeling his pool room and barbershop, the pool room will be moved to the rear.

MORE THAN HE COULD BEAR.

After a discussion about a cashier and a board Mr. Rising departs.

"I don't believe it," said Mr. Rising energetically as he sank, low in an arm chair, while the door slammed behind him.

"Believe what?" asked Mrs. Rising.

"Why not that our cashier has uttered false notes," replied Mr. Rising.

"Who said he had," John" inquired Mrs. Rising.

"Bill Jones was hunting around about us, cashiers" and the way some curious notes were flying round," returned Mr. Rising gloomily.

"I shouldn't care much what Bill Jones said," observed Mrs. Rising.

"He must have heard something," Em'ly," Mr. Rising continued.

"Maybe the notes were a mistake, any how, John," said Mrs. Rising cheerfully.

"Men don't make mistakes of that kind, Em'ly" and Mr. Rising doctored.

"Does the cashier sing much John?" was Mr. Rising's next interrogatory.

"He is so low for awhile now, Mrs. Rising," Mr. Rising growled.

"Well, I never knew Bill Jones had much of an ear for music, anyway, John," remarked Mrs. Rising hopefully.

"What in the name of sense has that to do with it, Em'ly?"

"Why, to tell that the notes were uttered wrong, John," said Mr. Rising, with bitter but unappraised sarcasm.

"Wake me up, Em'ly," in five minutes. I've got to go down to a board meeting to night," said Mr. Rising, throwing himself on the lounge.

Mrs. Rising obediently roused her husband at the moment indicated and asked

"Why is it called a board meeting, John?"

"Because the directors and officers sit on the board, Em'ly," returned Mr. Rising.

"It's a funny name," observed Mrs. Rising.

"Is it hard, John?"

"Well, I've seen harder things, Em'ly," replied Mr. Rising.

"How many men sit with you, John?" was Mrs. Rising's next query.

"About a dozen," carelessly answered Mr. Rising.

"Are you crowded, John?"

"We occasionally crowd a fellow out," replied Mr. Rising.

"Is it narrow or wide, John?" Mrs. Rising pursued the matter with growing interest.

"It's what narrow or wide, Em'ly," Mr. Rising questioned in turn.

"The board you sit on," in all unconcernedness.

"Em'ly," said Mr. Rising as he stood by the door with his hat firmly on his head. Em'ly, have breakfast for me and don't have them half baked. There are some things a man cannot bear," and Mr. Rising shut the door behind him.

"I wonder," said Mrs. Rising to herself, "if the biscuits were a little this morning. I thought they were done to a turn. Men are queer."

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